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October 3, 1985

Honorable William J. Casey Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Director:

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Loret Ruppe, Director of the Peace Corps, asked that I write on her behalf in regard to the following matter.

Recent newspaper articles indicate that an Edward Lee Howard may have been employed by your agency from January, 1981 to June, 1983. The Washington Post also states that Mr. Howard was formerly a Peace Corps Volunteer.

Our records show that an Edward Lee Howard, was a Peace Corps Volunteer between August 1972 and August 1974. He subsequently was employed as an ACTION recruiter from September 1974 to September 1976. At that time the Peace Corps was a part of ACTION, and ACTION recruiters were responsible for recruiting Peace Corps Volunteers. Accordingly, during those periods of employment Mr. Howard was associated with the Peace Corps.

If the newspaper accounts concerning Mr. Howard's employment by the CIA are correct, the full five year period required by CIA policy, as described in former Director Stansfield Turner's letter to former ACTION Director Sam Brown (copy enclosed), between the termination of an individual's employment or association with the Peace Corps and employment by the CIA would not have expired when Howard was first employed by the CIA in 1981.

We would appreciate it if you could provide us at the earliest possible moment with the facts in this regard, in accordance with the closing paragraphs of Mr. Turner's letter.

Sincerely,

John K. Scales

Acting General Counsel

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cc: Loret Ruppe

Peace Corps Director

Enclosure

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Central Intelligence Agency



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Washington, D. C. 20505

24 January 1978

The Honorable Samuel Brown Director, ACTION 806 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20525

Dear Sam,

Following up on our recent telephone conversation, let me again assure you that there has not been and will not be any connection between the Central Intelligence Agency and any current members or trainees of the Peace Corps. The Central Intelligence Agency has a specific regulation which prohibits this. The regulation also places certain restrictions on Agency contacts with former members or trainees of the Peace Corps. Let me quote the pertinent portion of this regulation for you:

(1) POLICY

- (a) Members and trainees of the Peace Corps will not be employed or used in any capacity, with or without remuneration, by the Agency or by Agency-controlled organizations. (The term "members of the Peace Corps" will be understood to mean anyone employed by or associated with the Peace Corps, except trainees.)
- (b) Former members of the Peace Corps may be employed or used by the Agency or by Agency-controlled organizations only in accordance with the following:
 - (1) Except as stated in (2) below, a former member of the Peace Corps may be employed or used by any element of the Agency only if a period of five full years has elapsed since his separation from the Peace Corps.
 - (2) An Agency-controlled organization may hire a former member of the Peace Corps, but only for duties related to the overt purposes of such organization, if a period of at least twenty-four months has elapsed since his separation from the Peace Corps.

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- (3) The employment or use of a former member of the Peace Corps under the provisions of subparagraph (1) or (2) above must have the specific prior approval of the Deputy Director concerned.
- (c) Former trainees whose Peace Corps service included duty or training overseas are subject to the rules governing employment or use of former members of the Peace Corps (subparagraph b(1)(b) above). Former trainees who did not serve at any time as members of the Peace Corps and whose Peace Corps service did not include duty or training overseas may be employed or used by the Agency or by organizations under its jurisdiction only with the specific prior approval of the Deputy Director concerned.
- (d) A former member or trainee of the Peace Corps whose employment or use is permitted by subparagraph (b) or (c) above may not be assigned to or used in a country for which he had been trained or to which he had been assigned while with the Peace Corps.

Please reassure your country directors and other staff that I am insistent that this regulation be carried out in both its letter and its spirit. I have no reason to believe there has been any violation of it. I assure you that all of us in the Central Intelligence Agency are dedicated to complying with it.

If opposition elements abroad perpetrate stories that there is a connection between the Central Intelligence Agency and members or trainees of the Peace Corps, I would most appreciate your alerting me to them. I will in every instance be able to provide you the facts of the case.

It was nice to have a visit on the phone. Good luck to you and all of your people who are doing such a fine job for our country.

Yours,

STANSFIELD TURNER